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City Closings, damage assessment and trash collection schedule

As of Monday evening, Hampton had experienced some tidal flooding because of the storm, and dozens of streets and intersections had to be closed. Most of those streets are being reopened as floodwaters recede.

Although rain and high winds are expected to continue Monday night, Hampton officials hope to begin assessing the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy on Tuesday morning.

Residents who experienced damage are asked to call 311 (727-8311 from a cell) to report it.

Boat owners are reminded that Tuesday's low tide (4:25 p.m.) will be especially low due to Sandy's trailing winds blowing towards the east. Boaters should check their lines to make sure they have enough slack to account for these abnormally low tides.

Residents that have parked their cars on higher ground (especially those parked at Francis Asbury Elementary School, 140 Beach Road) are asked to move them back to their residences as soon as possible.

The following city offices have reported their schedules for Tuesday, October 30:

City of Hampton offices will be open for normal operations

Hampton Parks will be open with normal hours

Hampton Courts will be open for normal hours Tuesday

Hampton City Schools will be delayed two hours

Hampton's Health Department will be closed; The "Women's Health Day" event is cancelled

Monday's trash collection will be picked up on Wednesday and Tuesday's collection will be rescheduled for Saturday.

For more Hampton-specific news about flooding and closed roads, go to:

- visiting <u>hampton.gov</u> frequently for updates
- > calling 311 (727-8311 from outside Hampton or from a cell phone)
- signing up for free email updates at hampton.gov/enews
- visiting facebook.com/HamptonVA or twitter.com/cityofhampton